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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 8th December 1959

No. 27(2)-T.R./59.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Plastics (Phenol Formaldehyde Moulding Powder and Buttons) Industry, on the basis of an inquiry undertaken by it under Section 11(e) read with Section 13 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) Protection granted to the phenol formaldehyde moulding powder industry may be continued at the existing level of duty of 35 per cent *ad valorem* for a period of three years, i.e., till 31st December, 1962.
 - (2) Protection granted to the plastic buttons industry should be discontinued after 31st December, 1959.
 - (3) The existing concession whereby duties on phenol, formaldehyde and hexamine are being refunded to the manufacturers of phenol formaldehyde moulding powder whose production is not less than 200 tons per annum may be discontinued from 1st January, 1960.
 - (4) Government should extend necessary assistance for establishing the manufacture of phenol, formaldehyde and hexamine in the country as early as possible.
 - (5) Government should issue necessary instructions that every consignment of phenol formaldehyde moulding powder imported into the country should be accompanied by a certificate of analysis from an independent and reputed Testing Laboratory specifying the grade and quality of the moulding powder.
 - (6) The manufacturers of phenol formaldehyde moulding powder should equip themselves with complete facilities for testing their moulding powder according to standard methods without any further delay.
 - (7) The manufacturers of phenol formaldehyde moulding powder should obtain from the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, proper advice on suitable Indian timber for making wood flour for use as fillers in phenol formaldehyde moulding powder.
 - (8) The manufacturers of phenol formaldehyde moulding powder should fix their selling prices in fair relation to their cost of production.
2. Government accept recommendations (1) and (2) above and necessary legislation will be undertaken in due course to implement them.
3. Government also accept recommendation (3) and with the concurrence of the Tariff Commission, the duty concession in question is being discontinued with immediate effect.

4. Government have taken note of recommendation (4) and steps will be taken to implement it as far as possible.

5. Recommendation (5) will be examined by Government.

6. The attention of the manufacturers of phenol formaldehyde moulding powder is invited to recommendations (6), (7) and (8).

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India and that it be communicated to all concerned.

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